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*Activity room at Galiano, classrooms at Fernwood turned down*

## Ministry says no to two building projects

### Trust to go ahead with new zone

Despite a plea from Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is going ahead with the new lake-shore resort zone, C-4L.

The resorts on the shores of potable water lakes will be restricted to three units per acre and other controls.

Three weeks ago the chamber met trustees and pleaded for a less stringent restriction on resort zoning.

Question of resorts on lake shore properties has been under consideration since April of last year.

Fearful of the potential impact of commercial operations on water quality, the Trust committee launched an investigation.

There are 11 separate commercial activities located within the watersheds of four lakes, the committee ascertained. Eight businesses are on St. Mary Lake, covering 11 lots. There is one commercial lot on Cusheon Lake and two on Weston and Stowell Lakes.

There are two such lots on Bullock Lake.

#### AVERAGE AREA

The majority of resorts are sited on one lot, reported the committee. Average resort area is 11.2 acres, although many are smaller. The number of accommodations varies from 0.5 per acre to 12.4.

Basis of concern to the committee was the provision under C4 zoning for many types of tourist accommodation members found unsuited to domestic water sources. The zoning could permit a density of up to 50 units per acre, it was stated.

The new zoning proposal will be presented to a public hearing in Ganges on April 21.



Old photograph of Motor Princess, now Pender Queen, taken by Donald New at Galiano.

### Residents buy ferry

After nearly 60 years of service, the *Pender Queen* is to serve out her retirement years as a floating resort anchored somewhere in the vicinity of Rivers Inlet on the northern mainland.

The old wooden-hulled vessel was recently acquired by two Salt Spring Island men who plan to convert her into accommodations for special charter groups, including fishermen and divers.

Don Small and Alf Carter purchased the ferry for \$75,300 from the B.C. Ferry Corporation. Theirs was one of 13 bids received by the corporation.

The sale brings to a conclusion the career of one of the oldest ships on the B.C. coast.

Launched from the Burrard Yarrow's shipyard at Esquimalt in 1923, the *Pender Queen* originally saw service on the Sidney-Bellingham run. At the time she was known as the *Motor Princess*.

Having been refitted over the years, the ferry will accommodate 250 passengers and about 30 vehicles.

The Gulf Islands Ferry Company purchased the short, squat-looking vessel in 1955 and in turn

sold her to the provincial government six years later.

The *Pender Queen* last saw operation on the run between Salt Spring Island, Pender Island and Swartz Bay until she was replaced by the *Salt Spring Queen*.

At present she is at Deas Dock near Tsawwassen and will remain there until the end of the month, at which time Small and Carter take possession of her.

Reached by phone, Carter said that while plans have yet to be finalized, the vessel will be docked semi-permanently somewhere between Knight Inlet and Rivers Inlet.

In addition to the purchase price, it will cost the pair approximately \$125,000 for renovations. They plan to do the work themselves along with local assistance.

They are financing the entire project themselves.

Work is expected to take about a month and Carter said that he hopes the resort will be in operation sometime around June 1.

There will be kitchen facilities on board and the resort will accommodate a total of 12 guests.

The Gulf Islands School Board has received final approval for 1981 capital budget requests in excess of \$760,000 from the ministry of education.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck informed the board at last Tuesday's meeting that the ministry had turned down the board's request for additional classroom space at Fernwood School and an activity room at Galiano School.

The board did receive approval for most of the other projects it had requested, however.

The board had pressed for additional classroom space at Fernwood to ease crowding at Salt Spring Elementary School.

District superintendent Bob Huestis and Peck carried the board's argument for additional classroom space on Salt Spring and for the activity room on Galiano to the ministry of education late last week.

#### MET THURSDAY

They met with Jim Doyle, senior superintendent of facility services, in Victoria Thursday and will report back to the board at its regular meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

The outcome of the Victoria meeting is not known.

John Zacharias, chairman of the building and grounds committee, and a group of concerned parents from Galiano School plan to meet with islands MLA Hugh Curtis at his office some time this week.

"We'll have to impress upon him that it's a crucial matter that we get approval for these expenditures because both schools are bursting at the seams," said Zacharias.

He indicated that the delegation will argue that under the ministry's new space allotment standards the district is entitled to approval of the two projects.

#### NEW GUIDELINES

The ministry of education introduced new guidelines for space requirements last October which are based upon a school's present and projected enrolment.

The final budget figure was

\$762,971 but a school board spokesman said that the district is under no obligation to use the entire sum.

Zacharias said that it is his understanding that the ministry received capital expenditure requests totalling about

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### No license needed for arts, crafts

Craftsmen and artists in the islands have been taken off the hook.

Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, MLA for the Islands, has directed the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council that the craftsman is exempt from a manufacturing license.

The artist who sells a product directly to the consumer requires no license. The product is only considered a manufacture for the purpose of the Business License Act when it is delivered to a retailer for resale to the consumer.

The minister offered these additional explanations to his legislation in a recent letter to Mrs. Jose Clement, president of the arts council.

Precise guidelines regarding the application of the act will be made as soon as the ministry has had time to assess any difficulties which might arise.

When the arts council stages its Artcraft show in Ganges this summer the council will be required to acquire a business licence, but the individual exhibitors will not, stated Curtis.

### Vehicle totalled at Mayne after plunging 25 feet

An accident at Mayne Island Friday left a four-wheel drive vehicle totalled after it left the road and plunged 25 feet to the beach.

Two of the four people in the vehicle suffered minor injuries and were taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

The driver, Thomas Charles Holmes, 27, of Burnaby has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions, reports Pender Island RCMP Corp. Harry Danyluk.

Holmes' vehicle left the road at the intersection of Fernhill and

Georgina Point Roads, near the Springwater Lodge. It landed on the beach on its roof, said Danyluk, which was crushed level with the top of the doors.

Danyluk said that if the tide had been in, there could have been a drowning. One of the occupants was trapped inside the vehicle and was removed with the help of volunteer firemen.

On a high tide the water can be as deep as three feet where the vehicle landed, the officer said.

The accident took place at about 8:15 Friday evening.

### Kirchmeir says no authority

The Ganges sewer debate continued this week with the observation by Sewer Alternatives Committee spokesman Hermann Kirchmeir that the supplementary letters patent were dependent on the original order.

Supreme Court ruling last week declared the original order for a sewer to be void because the then-director of pollution control, William Venables, lacked the statutory authority to require the

Capital Regional District to install a sewer.

Regional district executive director Dennis Young has suggested that the court ruling has no direct bearing on the installation because the region is acting on its supplementary letters patent, directing that a system be installed.

Not so, said Kirchmeir last weekend. The letters patent were dependent on the Venables order.

The letters patent, he suggests, authorized the borrowing of money but not the installation of the sewer.

Kirchmeir also quoted a letter which has passed between Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm and a committee member suggesting that the authority of the letters patent has been thrown into question and that his ministry is looking into it.

# Ministry says no

From Page One

\$360,000,000 from school districts in the province.

By the time it was through cutting costs, however, this figure had been reduced to about \$120,000,000 according to Zacharias.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed. We were part of that cutting down process," he said.

Fernwood School principal Glenn Woodley chose not to comment on what the ministry's decision will mean to the school.

He indicated that the board may still have some options open as far as applying pressure on the ministry or for juggling enrolment at the two elementary schools on Salt Spring Island.

Salt Spring Elementary School fared a little better, with the ministry approving all of the board's requests for a capital improvement program totalling about \$40,650.

This includes \$5,000 for new sewer connections, about \$10,000 for additional classroom storage space, with the remainder for fire alarm systems and fire risk reduction improvements.

## AT MAYNE

The board received partial approval for its proposed expansion program at Mayne School.

It had asked for \$333,000 for capital improvements including two additional classrooms, an addition to the gymnasium which would bring it up to full size, construction of a changing room and showers plus equipment money for the junior secondary program.

The board had to settle for \$158,000 which will go towards construction of a home economics classroom and an industrial education shop. The ministry also approved expenditure of \$48,166 for new equipment.

The ministry turned down the board's request for a full-sized covered play area for Saturna School. The school already has a small covered play area.

What it did receive was about \$6,900 for installation of fire and intruder alarms to meet ICBC regulations.

## TRIMMED BY HALF

The ministry trimmed nearly half from what the board had requested at Galiano School. The board had submitted a request for an addition and general improvements valued at about \$539,000, an amount that was pared down to \$298,661.

It had requested an additional classroom to bring its total to three, construction of a library, an activity room and a small amount of administrative space. The board had also requested \$32,000 for upgrading the existing building to meet the fire commissioner's requirements.

The ministry approved everything except the activity room.

Ken Gaylor, the school's principal, said that he was disappointed with the ministry's decision not to approve the activity room. He said that not having an activity centre is a real detriment to the community.

## A BIG NEED

"There is nothing like that on Galiano and there is a need for it and a big need. They haven't spent any money over there for something like 20 years," said Gaylor.

He said that residents have sche-

duled a general meeting for 7 pm this evening (Wednesday) to play a course of action. Gaylor expects that there will be some sort of attempt made to persuade the ministry to reverse its decision.

Concerns about safety at Galiano School were raised late last year with the discovery of a charred junction box in the ceiling of one of the building's washrooms.

The board learned three weeks ago that it had been given approval to purchase and develop a site for a four-room elementary school at Fulford for students in that area. It is hoped that a new facility there will help take the pressure off staff at Salt Spring Elementary School, who have even had to resort to conducting individual instruction in storage areas.

## HAS \$80,000

Though yet to finalize a deal, the board has about \$80,000 with which to purchase and develop a site. It hopes to locate the school in the vicinity of Beaver Point Road and Stewart Road.

It's not expected that the new school will open before September 1983.

The board also learned that it had received the go-ahead to undertake all of the work it had requested at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The ministry approved \$31,900 for fire risk reduction improvements at the school as requested by ICBC and for general upgrading and electrical service improvements at the house occupied by the GIPSY program.

The board also received approval for construction of an addition to the school board office, estimated at \$22,094; for purchasing a new 72-passenger school bus valued at \$33,000; and for minor renovations valued at \$17,400.

The ministry also approved \$6,720 for upgrading equipment used by the business education program in order to meet new ministry curriculum requirements.

Assuming that the board can meet ministry requirements, it may qualify for allotment of \$13,300 for energy conservation projects. The ministry requires that these projects must pay for themselves within a three-year period.

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# Windsors successful in challenge against bylaw violation charge

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

A Salt Spring Island couple won their case in provincial court last Wednesday despite an impressive array of witnesses brought forward to testify against them.

Joanne and Bill Windsor had been charged with violating a zoning bylaw by storing derelict vehicles on their property. They had entered pleas of not guilty.

Bill Windsor is proprietor of Bill's Engine Repairs, located in downtown Ganges, and he also operates a body repair shop at property on Lakeview Crescent.

Dean Strongitharm, a planner for the Islands Trust, testified that the Windsors' lot is zoned for residential purposes and that using it for the storage of derelict vehicles was in violation of zoning bylaw 14.

He also told the court that zoning regulations were established for Salt Spring Island in March 1979 by the local Trust committee. **SUPPORTED CLAIM**

Several other witnesses called by crown counsel Clint Kittle, including an RCMP officer, a B.C. land surveyor and a neighbour of the Windsors, all presented evidence that supported the crown's claim that the property was being used for purposes other than residential.

Strongitharm told the court, however, that there are exceptions to the bylaw where legal nonconforming use has been established.

This provision applies where property had previously been used for purposes other than for what it was zoned by the Islands Trust.

Defence counsel Edward Daigneault built his case around the fact that the Windsors had purchased the property in March 1978, approximately a year before the Islands Trust had established zoning bylaws for the island.

In addition, the court learned that the Windsors had been using the property for storing vehicles for several years prior to when they purchased it. This had been with the previous owner's permission. **OWN ADJACENT LOT**

It was also brought out during the proceedings that the Windsors own an adjacent lot which had at one time been the site of the body

repair business and on which they now reside. This lot was purchased in 1967.

Daigneault further contended that when the Windsors transferred their business over to the second lot, they in effect transferred the zoning for it as well.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt, Joanne Windsor's mother, was the sole witness called to testify on the Windsors' behalf.

Valcourt corroborated the Windsors' testimony on the nature of the business and the dates on which both lots had been purchased.

Judge D.K. McAdam based his decision on the fact that the Wind-

sors had purchased the lot and had been using it as the site for their business prior to the time that the zoning bylaw was introduced.

"The evidence would seem to indicate that they were making use of it before 1979 and before the bylaw came into effect," said Judge McAdam.

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This was it! I sat in the living room, tense, eager, to hear the CBC report on progress on Salt Spring Island. And I heard it. It was delightful and it was Tuesday morning. Until a year ago, the national radio informed me, the newcomers to Salt Spring Island were farmers. Now they are retired people. George Heinekey sold his farm profitably. Old timers like newcomers better than newcomers like newcomers. And that was the end. And sadly I looked back over the years, hostile towards myself that I didn't penetrate the disguise of all those farmers who have come here pretending to retire. And I had another cup of tea because coffee hits my ulcer and I went to work. If you call it that. I do.

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I never knew it was happening. I've been pacificated, anticated and politicated. And now I'm being metricated. F.H.T. Tatham, writing in *This England*, in 1972, wept for the passing of tradition. He was not too concerned with the decimalization: and that's quite a word in itself: he was worried that future generations would never be miles away from the truth or miss by one of them. This is what the poet said:

*Farewell to ounce and pound and stone,  
Gill, pint, quart, gallon too are gone.  
No link, no chain, no furlong now,  
No more "3 acres and a cow".  
Gone are the feet, the yards, the roods,  
No peck, no bushel for our goods.  
How pleased I was, in days of yore,  
To have on chart nine eight point four.  
And see forecasted, with delight,  
"Temp. about 70 Fahrenheit".  
Now all forecasting must be made,  
In unconvertible Centigrade.  
Subtracting this — by that divide?  
The answer I can ne'er decide.  
To what dull outlook we're reduced,  
Now metrication's introduced.  
Mili — Centi — Kilometres,  
Or, if it's bulk in grammes and litres.  
A hundred lovely words all gone,  
Banished from out the English Tongue.  
What? Do you think it is absurd,  
To mourn the loss of ancient word?  
Or queer that one should seem to treasure,  
Old scales of weight, old ways of measure?  
Remember friend, it is the word,  
That marks us out from Beast and Bird.  
Should we not keep our language, least,  
We grow yet nearer to the Beast?*

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F.H.T. Tatham

Everyone is with the space age and nobody can even tell the time without a point. Everything occurs at this point of time or that point of time. And it means nothing. The point is less real than a decimal because if you lose it, the sense doesn't change. In fact at this point of time it's about time we lost the point. Just imagine a politician who could say succinctly, tersely and accurately: at this time.

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The race depends on the watcher. Who's chasing what? Is the strike called to catch up with inflation? Or is inflation soaring because the strikes were called?

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I'm so old I can remember when I could work in the garden without having to baby my knees for half-an-hour when I finished.

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Most service clubs extend beyond national boundaries. It can be confusing. The Lions Club is no exception. It publishes a magazine offering information on the activities of club members. The current issue reports on the reception afforded the international Lions president, W.C. Chandler, during his visit to Taipei. The magazine describes the visit to "The Republic of China". In the United States, where the magazine is published, the report is accurate. But by the time it reaches Canada the name has changed. Taipei is in Taiwan, once known as Formosa, and the People's Republic of China is another nation.

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The political scene rarely changes. It's like the man on the seesaw. When he sits out there on the extreme right of the plaything, even the pivot at the centre seems way over to the left! And, oddly enough, it's just the same for the fellow out on the left!

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From clay to bronze

Sculptor explains technique

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Ralph Sketch was host to the Pender Islands Art Group last Tuesday evening at his home in Stanley Point Estates.

During the evening Sketch explained the process of putting a clay model into bronze. He illustrated his talk with a clay model, comparing it with the finished product. At the end of his talk, he invited the group to visit his basement workshop where they saw three models in various stages of completion.

The production of a bronze statuette is a long, intricate and expensive process. Basically, there are four steps. First, the clay model is made, followed by plaster of paris, wax and finally bronze. This is the classic routine for bronze statues.

Sketch then asked the question, "How does one stumble into sculpture?"

He said he grew up on a cattle ranch in Argentina and horses were a part of his life. As a child he was fond of drawing horses.

**TO ENGLAND**

At the age of 10 he and his mother made the journey to England where he was enrolled in boarding school. At the same time she introduced him to a friend, whose father was Adrian Jones, the greatest sculptor of horses England ever produced.

Though Jones was an old man at this time he had a life-long influence on the young boy. At this time, at about the end of World War I, bronze statues were very fashionable in England. Adrian Jones also made statues of enormous size, which can be seen in London today. One well-known statue by him is St. George and the dragon, located in Hyde Park.

Young Ralph Sketch was allowed to visit the great sculptor on weekends and watch him work.

Later, Sketch attended McGill University in Montreal, from which he entered the world of business. But whenever possible he studied sculpture, and after retiring to Pender Island about 12 years ago he was able to devote himself seriously to the art.

**BIG DECISION**

This was a big decision to make for an unknown as a considerable financial investment must be made. He proved to himself and the world that he is a very fine sculptor and his bronzes are in galleries in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and San Francisco.

Sketch explained in great detail how one gets from the model of clay to a hollow bronze. As an example he described the steps to make the bronze of Judge Begbie, which he recently finished and is now at the University of Victoria law faculty building.

As Judge Begbie lived rather recently there are lots of photos of him which the artist studied. He read all the literature available about the judge, and then he looked for a particular moment in his life to translate into bronze.

**IN SAME MANNER**  
With all his statues, Sketch always approaches them in this manner and they all exhibit a special moment in the life of the man and his horse. Sketch specializes in horses, which, like sculpture, has been a life-long love. He likes to show the part the horse has played in history.

The first stage, as Sketch explained, is the core, a T-shaped piece of metal bolted to a board with pieces of wire coming out



RALPH SKETCH

front and back. On this the artist moulds with clay and from it is made a plaster of paris cast. At this stage the artist does quite a bit of detailed work.

When satisfied, Sketch takes his model to San Francisco to the Art Foundry. Usually these foundries are all manned by Italians who have been many generations in the business. They use a wax technique, developed by the Chinese and taken up by the Romans, which has changed little over the centuries.

At the foundry a very complicated process with hot wax takes place. The artist watches his plas-

ter of paris model being transformed into a hollow wax reproduction of his original. Before the last step, which is turning it into bronze, the artist does some cleaning up and it's ready for casting.

It is encased in fire clay and becomes so heavy that it takes a fork lift to put it into the oven. It remains there for five days, coming out white hot. Sledge hammers are used to break down the clay and the bronze emerges. The artist then makes some finishing touches, the whole model is sand-blasted and finally waxed.

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
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## Aid at any cost

The importance of the automobile manufacturing industry in the United States is such that the American government is having to give serious consideration to means of rescuing the financially troubled automakers.

Unfortunately, it appears that the government is prepared to provide aid no matter what the cost.

It was bad enough that both the Canadian and U.S. governments have had to give Chrysler loan guarantees totalling billions of dollars. But the next phase of the rescue operation will likely see safety and pollution control sacrificed for the benefit of the industry.

A cabinet-level task force in the U.S. has recommended that 30 regulations setting safety and emission standards be eased or set aside. If the recommendation is followed, the auto industry will be saved an estimated \$1 billion by 1986.

If the Reagan administration were to undertake a complete cost-benefit analysis of the situation, it would probably be unable to forecast all the losses which could be incurred, both environmentally and in terms of human safety.

We'll probably find out...at just about the same time as the world's oil wells run dry.

## Economics may decide

On many occasions we have printed forecasts and warnings that Canadians will not be able to rely forever on produce imported from south of the border. Many people have noted that the demand for produce from within the United States will result in less food being grown for the export market.

But there are other factors.

It is estimated that over half a million tons of oranges will rot in the sun in California's San Joaquin Valley.

The oranges will never get to market because a marketing committee has limited the number of oranges that may be sold.

Supply is not the only major reason why we cannot rely on imported food. Economics may one day decide whether or not we eat.

## Campaign raises \$4,545

Sir,

As the Gulf Islands' Heart Foundation Drive for the year 1981 is officially terminated except for those who wish to contribute to the 'In Memorium' funds and other sources available, it is necessary to submit a report of the results of our efforts.

The total funds raised for the Gulf Islands were as follows:

Deposited from envelopes: \$3,937.73; Amount raised by local B.C. Hydro employees (sent to Victoria): \$108; Local Real Estate Agents' Canvass (sent to Victoria Real Estate Board): \$500.

Total raised locally: \$4,545.73.

Special thanks are extended to *Driftwood*; the High School Students who made the posters; the flag-raising men who turned out on that cold February morning; the Innes family who prepared and sent out some 5,000 letters in the mail; all those kind people who sent in their envelopes with their

contributions and finally Dorothy Hamer, Secretary at Miller & Toynbee Real Estate Office who sent out the receipts, etc.

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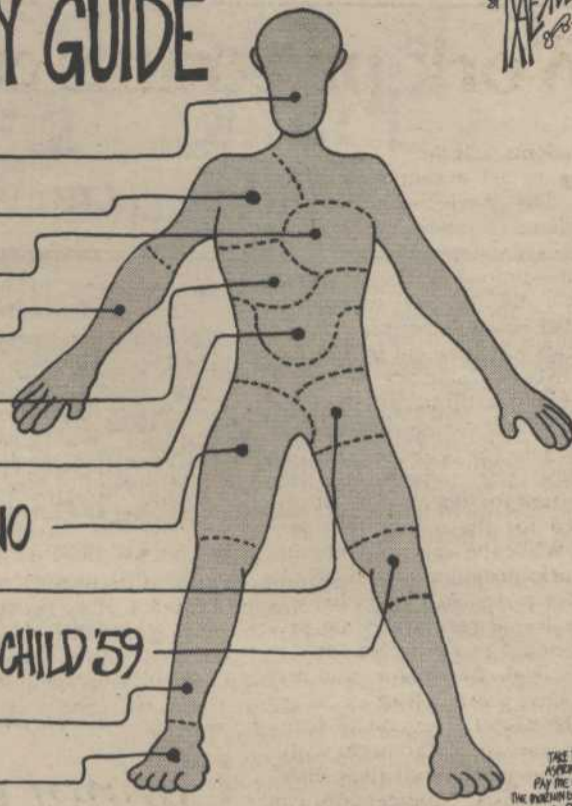
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## Letters to the Editor

### Free advertisement gives wrong impression

Sir,

The letter by Keith Jackson, Mayne Island, published in the April 1 *Driftwood* carried a heading paraphrasing the theme of his opening statement: "Your NDP advertisements, which you apparently print free of charge for Messrs. Manly and Barber, are replete with misleading statements and misinformation".

Let's establish the basics. Mr. Jackson is a recognized Social Credit supporter and one of your most frequent contributors to the Letters columns.

Only on two occasions have I found his offering logical. This recent one is again full of illogical statements and inconsequential opinions. However, the prime issue is that he made a false statement in his attempt to discredit Mr. Barber and the NDP.

Mr. Jackson well knows it is a common practice throughout Canada whereby Members of Parliament and MLA's accept the courtesy afforded them by their local newspapers to write regular columns, keeping their constituents informed of happenings in Parliament and to express their viewpoints on issues of the day. For example, last week while visiting Haney, I enjoyed reading the regular column of Mr. George Mussalem, Social Credit MLA for that area, in the *Maple Ridge Review*.

Mr. Jackson falls into his own trap by submitting his censorious letter thereby obtaining a "free advertisement" to discredit others of the same "crime." The logic is mystifying.

As to the charge of "misleading statements and misinformation", this reflects his opinion, which he is entitled to express. In the interests of consistency and fairness why did he overlook the name of Mr. Hugh Curtis under this same accusation? In the March 25 *Driftwood* Mr. Curtis had a "free advertisement" published that, in the opinions of probably about half your readers, contained "misleading statements and misinformations". However, being tolerant, they don't break out in a rash. Rather, they accept the biases of all politicians.

Mr. Jackson's treatise about the oil industry would have borne more conviction had he also explained how all Canadians,

through their income taxes, contribute substantially to the industry's good financial health. Oil companies enjoy exceptional tax-reducing benefits by way of exploration incentives, accelerated depreciation, depletion allowances, etc., which in essence make us all partners in their endeavours.

The misinformation used by Mr. Jackson to discredit Mr. Barber and the NDP lies in this statement he wrote: "As for Mr. Barber's criticism of the budget announced by Mr. Curtis, the fact that the Sales Tax is still one percent lower than it was when the NDP was in power, is conveniently left unsaid."

To correct the wrong impression Mr. Jackson submitted to your readers, here are the true historical facts:

The Social Services (Sales) Tax was introduced on July 1, 1948 at three percent. On April 1, 1954 the W.A.C. Bennett government increased the rate to five percent. It remained unchanged through the balance of that government's terms

of office - to 1972. The Dave Barrett government left it unchanged at five percent during their term. The Bill Bennett government assumed power in December 1975 and on March 26, 1976, increased the rate to seven percent. On April 10, 1978 the same government reduced it to five percent. On April 2, 1979 the Bill Bennett government introduced its "sunshine" budget and lowered the rate to four percent, but immediately dissolved the Legislature and called the May 10, 1979 election while the Federal election campaign was under way. On March 9, 1981 Mr. Hugh Curtis increased the rate in his budget to six percent.

Your readers are left to conjecture if this mistake by Mr. Jackson was one of memory lapse, or failure to research the facts, or? I prefer to believe it was an unintentional error.

**G.K. ARNOTT,**  
Box 428,  
Ganges,  
April 6, 1981.

## Meeting requested

Chairman of the Board,  
Lady Minto Hospital,  
Ganges.

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you for the courtesy extended me at your Hospital Board meeting of March 31, 1981.

May 1, as the elected Regional Representative of Salt Spring Island, be afforded a couple of observations.

1. The Hospital Board, in its entirety, most assuredly has the best interest of the Hospital at heart and wish to maintain, and wherever possible, improve the services and benefits for the Community. This is reflected in the positive attitude of the Board members I personally observed throughout the meeting.

2. I believe that the Board and I share a grave concern over the problem of septage disposal for both Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood's.

I therefore request a meeting with you Mr. Chairman, and with the Chairman of Greenwood's, Mrs. Campbell, the Chief of Staff,

Dr. Borseman and the administrators of both the Hospital and Greenwood's. This meeting should be held in the very near future.

This meeting could prove to be a most important step towards the solution of the septage problem now experienced. It is hoped that our mutual desire to resolve this problem will bring about the necessary steps for a speedy solution.

**YVETTE M. VALCOURT,**  
Director,  
Salt Spring Island Representative,  
Capital Regional District.  
April 2, 1981.

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says the Salt Spring  
Island Chamber  
of Commerce.

**Tough time for students this summer**

**Work programs cutback wasteful**

Students will face a tough time trying to get a summer job this year. The provincial government has already announced that it will not be funding any major community summer works programs.

Now the federal government summer employment program for students has been cut by \$20 million over last summer. For Vancouver Island this means there will be 20% less money available to create jobs for students.

These job opportunities are important to students. The jobs are needed for the money they provide. While the wages on community works programs are usually too low for a student to earn his way through college, the jobs do provide enough money for students to get through the summer and perhaps have a little bit of a nest egg for the winter. The cost of living keeps increasing. Parents have difficulty in meeting all their children's expenses. Summer jobs can be a big help.

**FOR EXPERIENCE**

The summer works program helps many young people get that all-important first job to put on a resume. With so many people unemployed, the first thing many employees look for is experience. Young people have looked to summer works to give them that basic experience so that later they can apply with confidence for other jobs.

Summer jobs on a community project give young people a sense of belonging to the community - a stake in society - a feeling that they can make a contribution that is accepted and appreciated.

In addition to the value of com-

**Ottawa report**

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Community work programs for young people, they have provided valuable facilities and services to the community such as creative playgrounds, recreational programs, recycling projects and parks development.

**MANY IN JEOPARDY**

Already I have met with people concerned that a valuable day camp program at the Pacific Centre for Human Development in Colwood might not get adequate

funding this year. And there are many such programs in jeopardy. For all these reasons I object to the provincial government's decision not to fund community programs and I regret the federal government's decision to cut back on the financing of its program.

All of us have to be concerned about wasteful expenditures. But cutbacks can also be wasteful. To me the cutback in community summer works programs looks like a very wasteful cutback.

Here is a cutback in funding that wastes our most precious resource - people. This can only be described as wasteful and wrong. Instead of neglecting our young people, leaving them to idleness and despair, let's invest in their future. It's our future too.

**Cannot condone disregard**

Sir,

April fools. That's what the people of British Columbia are being taken for as April 1 notes the opening of the AMAX molybdenum mine in Alice Arm.

Through secret negotiations, never opened to public discussion or approval, American Metal Climax (AMAX) has been given permits to dump 100 million tons of molybdenum mine tailings into the ocean over a 25-year period.

These waters contain toxic heavy metals including lead, zinc, cadmium, arsenic and radium 226. These metals accumulate in the food chain and will endanger our

health as well as the fragile coastal environments.

The recently announced Review Panel assigned by Federal Fisheries Minister Romeo Le Blanc is deficient in many areas. The mine will proceed despite their findings, there is no opportunity for public examination of evidence and there is no examination of the socio-economic impact.

We at SPEC Vancouver Island support the recommendations of an independent council comprising the Nishga Tribal Council, United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union and the West Coast Environmental Law Associ-



**Tony Richards**

**WITH BALL SEASON APPROACHING**, it is perhaps only to be expected that the phrase "ballpark figure" should become a common one at this time.

Used as it is there, as an adjective, is bad enough, but to be used as a verb is horrible. I heard a speaker at a Victoria conference last week "ballparking" figures all the way through his presentation, until I finally felt like bashing him with a baseball bat.

**WE HAVE REPLACED OUR FORD VAN** with a new Dodge, a basic delivery van with no frills. And no speedometer either.

And a week later we found that the driver's side seatbelt doesn't work. If subscribers don't mind waiting a couple of extra days for their papers, we might be better off with a horse and buggy.

**A SHORTAGE OF TIME** prevented us from doing anything to mark April Fool's Day last Wednesday, but a number of other community papers and radio stations in the province did.

In Salmon Arm the radio station made a public service announcement for B.C. Tel. Listeners were informed that the telephone company was planning to clean its lines by blowing the dust out of them. Telephone subscribers were asked to cooperate by placing a paper bag over the end of their phones to catch the dust. There proved to be a few fools in Salmon Arm last week.

In Port Hardy, the *North Island Gazette* ran a front-page picture of several killer whales in the community swimming pool. The cutline said that MacMillan Bloedel had kindly donated a pod of whales from Robson Bight and that they were to remain in the pool for the summer. In the meantime, participants in the summer swim program would be bused to the Port MacNeil pool.

Finally, the *Cowichan News*, in Duncan,

revealed that a group of concerned Chemainus housewives had drained the Chemainus water reservoir for the purpose of scrubbing it out. (The reservoir was drained recently by vandals).

They claimed that the "ring around the reservoir" was disgusting and for that reason took matters into their own hands with several large cans of Comet.

Not long after the paper was published, one Chemainus alderman received a call from an irate Chemainus housewife. She pointed out that she had lived in the area for many years and wanted to know why she was not informed of the cleaning operation and invited to join.

**THE OLD PENDER QUEEN**, which has been purchased by island residents Don Small and Alf Carter, provided quite a service, according to one news report.

Her last function, said a daily newspaper in announcing its sale, was a run between Salt Spring, Swartz Bay and, of all places, Pender Harbour.

That run, we are told, is now being handled by the *Salt Spring Queen*. It ought to make an interesting trip.

**THERE'S NO SUCH THING** in the newspaper business as a free advertisement.

But Keith Jackson's letter last week gave me an idea that could prove profitable. If we began charging for letters to the editor, we could make a fortune.

And thinking of Keith Jackson, I saw Edgar Dunning last weekend, host of CBC's *Neighbourly News*. Edgar reads a lot of community newspapers every week, ours among them, and he wanted to know the identity of The Anarchist.

Was it Keith Jackson of Mayne Island, he asked. I assured him it was not. I also assured him that I didn't think Keith would take it as a compliment to be mistaken for The Anarchist.

**Political assassination on Salt Spring Island**

GANGES (*Free Press*) — Driftwood's political affairs staff are only now beginning to unravel the details of the attempted assassination of the Anarchist, the distinguished journalist and political commentator whose reports appear weekly in these columns.

It has been learned that, unlike the comic-opera B movie scenario involving a movie starlet, a depressed love-lorn nut and aging ex-Hollywoodite Ronald Reagan, the local tragedy involved genuine organized right-wing fanatics who kidnapped and tortured the elderly head of a local publishing family, and forced him under the influence of hypnotic and hallucinogenic drugs to reveal the supposed identity of the master of anonymity. In fact, the distinguished gentleman's perceptions were so foggy that there is doubt as to his coherence at the time.

In a typical overreaction, reminiscent of the days of

Herod, the right-wing death squads attacked all local residents bearing the surname Wright, and an unknown number of these unfortunates are now resting in varying stages at or near death.

In one of those curious coincidences which so often bear upon the history of our times, the real Anarchist was nowhere within the area of the Gulf Islands at the time of the attack by the right-wing extremists.

Far from his normal abode he was struck in the back by an intellect-exterminating null-weapon launched from hiding by order of S.I.L.E.N.C.E., the Supreme Command of the Tory forces. Shortly after being struck he was overheard to murmur, "At last, a reason to give Richards hell for something he did write."

At press time the outcome of the attack is still in doubt; as one concerned observer remarked, "It's too early to tell whether we will be dealing with a recovery or a resurrection."

**Should use less painful method**

Sir,

I am completely against the leg-hold trap. It puts animals in unnecessary pain. And most of the time the wrong animals are captured and die a horrible death. Some animals go and chew their legs off, get free and then die because they were crippled. If man MUST kill he should use a less painful method.

**CHRISTINE M. CONNELLY**,  
Box 13,  
Galiano Island,  
March, 1981.

These recommendations were 1) the Alice Arm Tailings Regulations be immediately rescinded, 2) A BC coastal inquiry be conducted into marine tailings disposal, with powers under the Public Inquiries Act for full public participation, cross-examination and subpoena.

This is a precedent. The people of BC are not fools. Federal and provincial disregard for the protection of our environment cannot be condoned. We invite your letters to the Ministries and your support in ensuring that public accountability comes before profits.

Good ecology is good economy.  
**LAURIE GOURLAY**,  
SPEC Vancouver Island,  
Box 132,  
Nanaimo,  
April, 1981.

**Women encouraged to break law by ministry**

Sir,

Every Saturday for almost two years a single mother on welfare will be incarcerated in Oakalla. For the alleged crime of ensuring that her child had adequate nutrition, and clothing by earning just over the allowed \$100 a month for 18 months, Florence Kemp has been sentenced to serve 90 days in Oakalla, and perform two hours of community work a week for the duration of her sentence.

At the time Florence was charged, her welfare cheque was \$440 a month. The Senate Poverty Line for a family of two in 1978 was \$706 a month. To make up the difference Florence worked as a homemaker for \$4 an hour.

What is ironic about the sentencing is that it ensures that Florence will remain on welfare. For her work as a homemaker, she has to be bondable. Because she now has a criminal record, it will be difficult for her to get and maintain a job in which bonding is necessary.

Florence had to defraud the Ministry of Human Resources to survive. Mothers dependent on a welfare cheque have to do this to survive under the present system. Friends may help out with a few extra dollars to cover the cost of food. Women do babysitting and

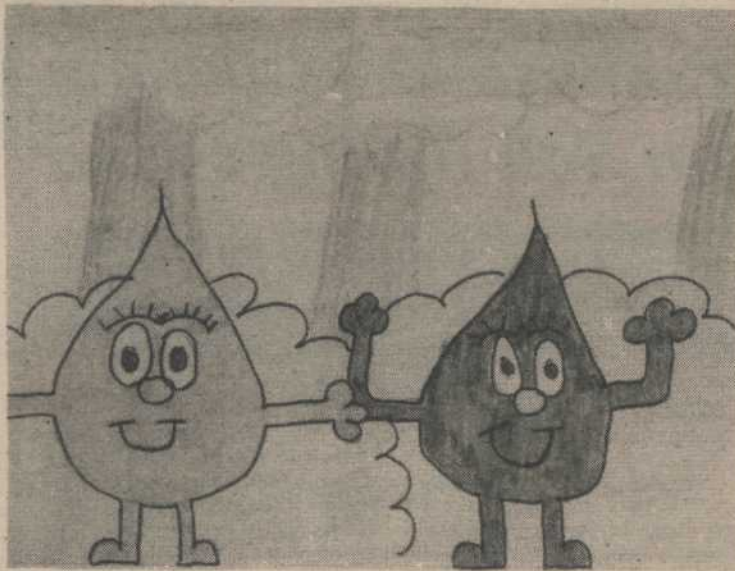
don't declare their cash incomes.

Nutritional guidelines from the provincial Ministry of Health estimate in November 1980 that it costs \$162 a month to adequately feed an adult female and a child. This amounts to 36% of Florence's welfare cheque.

By providing inadequate benefits, the Ministry of Human Resources is encouraging women to break the law and defraud welfare. A more positive position would be to change the G.A.I.N. Act, Schedule B, Section 6b. so that people on welfare could earn sufficient income to adequately feed, clothe and provide shelter for themselves and their children. Raising the earned income allowed would be one way in which the ministry could ensure that it is not defrauded.

Vancouver Status of Women is launching an appeal defense fund for Florence Kemp. She needs money to pay for her appeal as Legal Aid will not cover the legal costs. Send in whatever you can afford to Vancouver Status of Women, 1090 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6H 1B3.

**GILLIAN MARIE**,  
Vancouver Status of Women,  
1090 W. 7th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
March 12, 1981.



## A trip to Juno

Janet had just had her 11th birthday. For her birthday she got many things but the present she liked best was a tent her parents had given her.

She set it up in her backyard and slept in it that night.

In the middle of the night Janet woke up with a chile running down her spine. She looked at her clock, it was 1 o'clock but it was light out. Two strange creatures were standing in front of her tent. What was happening?

The creatures explained they were from Juno, a planet that was not in our solar system. They said they were on a special mission, they were to bring a earthling back to Juno. Janet agreed to go.

The ride to Juno took about 1 hour. When they were nearing the planet Janet was amazed of its colouring it was half yellow and half orange. When they land Janet was brought to a downtown area of a city on Juno.

Janet was brought to a zoo, she thought they were giving her a tour but they were putting her in the zoo!

Janet was given some strange drink and food. She was very sad.

Janet fell asleep but was soon awakened by a person calling her, it was Malox, the one who captured her. He said "Quick come with me". He brought her to his car and drove away quickly. Janet was free.

Janet thought she was free but no, she wasn't. A guard noticed that she was missing and called the police.

Now the police were in front of them and blocking their way. What should they do, what could they do?

"The escape shute", said Malox. "Quick, Janet, grab that shute and jump through the emergency escape". She jumped, down, down she was falling. She showed her thanks by yelling "Thanks, Malox".

Something strange was happening she was becoming dizzy. Soon she realized she was spinning. Everything went blurry, it looked like fire crackers exploding.

Now she was falling down, down when suddenly thump, she hit something. She opened her eyes and found herself lying in bed. Janet said to herself quietly, "It's good to be home!"

Some Grade 3 children gave ideas about the great things they could do.

Vicki: I am great at swimming and running.

Jenny: One great thing I've done is to be an acrobat.

Shane: One great thing I've done is play soccer.

Anna: I am great in skating.

Sheila: I love to go swimming.

Darren: One great thing is not to go to school.

Rodney: One great thing I did was water ski.

Jane: One great thing I've done is help my family.

Dean: Soccer is my great thing.

Keith: The greatest thing I've done is ride a motor bike.

Derek: I am a good hockey player.

### Grandfather Clock

Tick Tock goes the Grandfather Clock  
Like someone's feet in an alley  
Ding Dong goes the Grandfather Clock  
Like in the city at two o'clock.

### Salad

Black as an olive in a salad  
Red as a tomato  
Orange as a carrot  
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— Niki Godfrey, Age 11.

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- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
*Nominations accepted from the floor.*

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## NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEES

### Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the North and South Pender Island Trust Committees to consider various items of business concerning North and South Pender Islands at the conclusion of the Public Hearings on April 22, 1981 in the North Pender School and Community Hall.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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## Islands Trust

### NORTH PENDER ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

#### Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender School and Community Hall, North Pender Island, on Wednesday, April 22, 1981, commencing at 10:00 am.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 16, (being Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981), is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5 cited as "Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978" as follows:

- (a) By deleting in its entirety the first paragraph and its subsections 1(a), (b) and (c) of Section 3.15, pertaining to the relationship of lands designated as Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission Act.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Pender Island Post Office, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, and 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Monday. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. during the normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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## Islands Trust SOUTH PENDER ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender School and Community Hall, North Pender Island, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981, commencing at 9:30 am.

Proposed South Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 7, being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981, is a By-law to amend South Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 4 cited as "Zoning By-law, South Pender Island, 1980"

Purpose of the By-law is to:

- (a) Delete in its entirety Subsection 1 of Section 3.15, pertaining to the relationship of lands designated as Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission Act.
- (b) In the Rural 1 (R1) Zone and the Forest and Wildland (F) Zone, to allow for the construction of more than one (1) principal dwelling unit on a parcel in accordance with density provisions established in the by-law and in accordance with the density provisions under the Community Plan for South Pender Island.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Pender Island Post Office, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, and 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Monday. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during the normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

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## Recycling depot rebuilt by volunteers

BY BETH HILL

At last, the Recycle Depot, in its new location behind the Valcourt Centre, has been extended, repaired, re-roofed and repainted, and an elegant carpet of road gravel has been spread like a welcome mat, hiding the mud holes.

The Salt Spring Island Community Society wishes to express gratitude to Regional director Yvette Valcourt for the new location and the money for materials, and to the Capital Regional District for the part-time worker.

Although volunteers are still

functioning for maintenance, supervision and public relations, and assist when the pick-up truck comes from the Victoria Recycle depot, the check-in duties and glass-smashing are now being performed by Tim Williamson.

He'll make sure your newspapers are neatly bundled and tied, glass jars washed, metal rings on liquor bottles removed, tins washed and flattened, and that magazines are bundled separately from newspapers.

We do not charge for recycling; it does seem eminently sensible to

recycle these re-usable materials rather than paying to have them carted to a dump.

The co-ordinating committee has been established...familiar recyclers Sowards, Jones, Hills, Keys, Williamsons, Gilberts, Braithwaites, Lotts, Arris', each family responsible for one month of supervision.

Any questions will be answered by the Community Society, 537-9212.

Remember: newspapers, magazines, brown paper bags, bottles, flattened cans, and aluminum. Please, no garbage!

## Board of variance is board of appeal?

Board of variance could arbitrate applications for rezoning under the regional zoning bylaws, announced director Yvette Valcourt Tuesday.

She was suggesting that an applicant could appeal the refusal of the Salt Spring Island Advisory

Planning Commission's refusal to allow a rezoning.

Planner Dean Strongitharm observed that he was unaware of such a procedure.

The commission reached no firm conclusion on the suggestion.

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# Pender Island concert April 18

### Contributed

An unusual evening of words and music will be held Saturday, Apr. 18 at 8 pm in the Pender Lodge, Pender Island.

David Russell, the brilliant young British classical guitarist, will play in concert with another fine classical guitarist, Paul Banks of Vancouver, and Cathy Stevens, a British violinist.

Two guitars and a viola are a unique enough combination but for part of the evening the musicians will provide musical interpretation of a reading by writer Randal Glover, a former Pender

Island resident.

Glover says his reading will be neither prose nor poetry but, "a weird combination of both with a sprinkling of blues."

"I'm not sure how all this is going to come together," he added, "but Pender Island is probably the only place we could even try to do it."

Russell, who has several times played on Pender Island, recently performed in Vancouver to a standing ovation and enthusiastic critical acclaim.

Wrote *Vancouver Sun* music critic Lloyd Dyck: "He is someone

to watch for, an uncommonly gifted musician — searching, intelligent and feeling."

His first solo album, *Something Unique*, was recorded in Vancouver last year and has sold an unheard of 1,000 copies in the city alone.

Banks has also played on Pender Island and most of the other Gulf Islands to enthusiastic audiences.

He was recently described by *Vancouver Sun* hostess Pia Shandel as, "one of the finest classical guitarists in all of Canada."

As a child, Cathy Stevens was



PAUL BANKES



DAVID RUSSELL

one of several gifted children selected to train at the Yehudi Menuhin school in London.

She was principal violinist for the BBC Scottish orchestra for three years and has since played as a freelance musician with most London symphonies and chamber groups.

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# Island players excel!

## Fiddler on the Roof is tops!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It's all a game but the audience doesn't know that. That's the whole secret of the Fiddler on the Roof.

The Salt Spring Players' newest musical offering opened on Saturday. And the audience sat through the routine delighted with the entire performance.

They had reason to be happy with it. The whole operation ran like a well-designed machine, each movement clicking into place and every scene a masterpiece.

It isn't until the end when you're coming out of the theatre that you realize that it's all a local production put on by Michael Hayes and Virginia Newman and Pat Desbottes and all the rest of them.

The Fiddler on the Roof is a magnificent effort. It features an excellent script; good music; an enthusiastic cast; a stage setting par excellence and brilliant direction.

This play is as good as any the island company has undertaken and better than most. It was inevitable that the audience start at once to make comparisons with Jesus Christ Superstar. It is a tough comparison. Superstar is gone and done with. The Fiddler is here.

### LIKE HE GREW UP THERE

It is unfair to single out players, but you can't help being unfair. Michael Hayes carries the role of Teyve, the dairyman, as if he had grown up in a small Russian Jewish village talking back to the Almighty and prepared to concede most of his prejudices but not his principles.

No Hayes; no play. He is the hinge pin of the whole show. Thus was the story written.

It was written of the village of Anatevka in the year 1905 as the Russian revolutionaries were sharpening swords and loading pistols. It is a chapter in the story of Russian-Jewish relations. It is a chapter in the history of repression which has spelt history to the Chosen People.

This is the substance in which the play is rooted. The audience is not closely reminded of all of it. The audience sees the events unroll as the poverty-stricken people live and enjoy living within the narrow confines of a tightly religious

community, an island in a sea of hostile gentiles.

They are invited to share the pathos of a community being ordered to give up all they possess and march into the unknown, without homes, without money, without any security, but yet borne up on the certainty of faith and Almighty God.

### SPOKESMAN

The dairyman is the spokesman for the village. He outlines to his Maker where lies his fear and his hopes and the audience listens in.

The little man of the village is explaining his dilemma as the play starts. He keeps God, and the audience, posted as the play moves on.

He plays the part and he sings the part as if he lived the role. Maybe he does.

Virginia Newman is his wife. She has the less demanding role, but she keeps it up with the aplomb of the accomplished actress she is and the audience knows.

Virginia is Golde, the mother of Teyve's five daughters and eager to marry them off as was every mother in a past era.

Tzeitel is played by Arlene Dashwood; Hodel, by Amy Newman; Chava is Jane Rooke, Shprintze, Colleen Toynbee and Bielke, Jenny McClean. The marital adventures of each are the fabric of the play.

### MATCHMAKER

Yente is the matchmaker, an essential part of the traditional Jewish community, who negotiates the marriages and takes a small commission for each. Marilyn Taylor, a traditional part of the Players' presentations, is Yente.

John Lomas played the role of Motel, the tailor. He fitted the role like he was a village tailor and the audience could rejoice with him in the purchase of a homburg hat, the ultimate status uniform in the village.

While Motel messed up the planned alliance between Tzeitel and Lazar Wolf, the village butcher, Perchik, the wandering student, brought the new thinking to the village. He brought abandoned dancing and thoughts of insurrection. Eventually it is Perchik who takes a wife to Siberia to share his banishment as a revolutionary.

John Healey, as Mordcha, the

innkeeper, supplies the necessary crock in a brief scene.

The only shortcoming to the pattern as it unfolded was something beyond the capacity of the players to correct. Not all the soloists had the strength of voice to meet the needs of the activity centre. It is possible that after a few performances they will automatically expand like the tongue in the toothless mouth.

### EXTENT AND STRENGTH

The parts were not all prominent, yet to fail to list them is a failure to get over the extent and the strength of the players taking part.

Paul Sadler played Mendel the rabbi's son and Andy Orkin, Avram the bookseller. Les Ramsey was the beggar, Nachum, who begged on the percentage basis.

As the rabbi, Alf Howell was back in form. He was led around the stage to make his learned pronouncements.

Dawn Luker went dancing again in the role of Grandma Tzeitel, the late mistress of the line. She came back to haunt her family with shrieking leaps into the air. She was aided by the late Fruma-Sarah, Marla Sloan, the second character in the nightmare.

Tom Toynbee was the fuzz. As constable he held the village in the palm of his hand and ultimately brought them their death notice. Fyedka was Michael Bruynse; Margaret Howell, Shandel, the tailor's mother and the Fiddler, who never spoke a word, was Reid Collins.

In addition, there were villagers, children and singers.

### DIRECTORS

The director was Pat Desbottes, who deserves a medal. She was assisted by Sharie Lomas, who deserves half a medal. The action was consistent, smooth and at all times co-ordinated. With 50 players on the stage, the directors had them hooked up like well-designed puppets, with nary a player out of line.

At this point it is difficult to be sure of noting everyone who merited note. For example, the setting was delightful. It was also ingenious. One piece of stagecraft appeared to be on casters and it swung around in three directions to provide three different buildings. Hugh Cummings, Reg Taylor, David Fitchew and Katie Keinast were responsible for the settings. It was all designed by Fitchew.

And Catherine Faulkner was producer.

Orchestra kept the pace. In more ways than one. They played under the direction of Jean Knight and included Peter Clark, Georgina Marcotte, Dave Stacey, Wilf Davies, Bill Smith, Dwain Prosk, Ray Newman, Linda Ramsey, Tony Knight, Alex Hoeschmann, Joy Johnsen, John Hall and Lindsay Martin.

There were dozens of others helping in the production and they can all take a bow for one of the players' better offerings.

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# Security meeting in Ganges

## Businesses learn to guard premises

**Breaking in?**  
Salt Spring Island merchants last week took a quick course in the techniques of burglary. At a special evening meeting in Harbour House Hotel on Wednesday, merchants and other businessmen were warned of the methods used by thieves and they were offered advice on how to protect themselves.

In a movie presented by the island detachment of the RCMP, the group watched a simulated attack, where thieves rained blow after blow on a glass window which never shattered.

The window was made of a polycarbonate material, lexan. It is a material which looks like glass but is almost impervious to blows.

The movie showed the weaknesses of many commercial and industrial buildings and offered advice on securing the weak points.

The meeting had been called by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Ben Martens and Santy Fuoco organized the program.

Offering advice and information on alarm systems was Victoria Alarm Service Ltd., through Jack Mockford and Derk Van Hees.

**PROFITABLE SYSTEM**  
A novel aspect of alarm systems was introduced by Len Larson of Gulf Islands Insurance Agencies Ltd. Larson offered a quick run-down on the manner in which a property owner can make an alarm system pay dividends.

Introducing the subject, Larson explained that too many businesses are vitally concerned with fire insurance and then overlook the danger of burglary and theft.

A part-time watchman can earn a reduction in insurance premiums of about five percent. A complete burglar alarm system may bring a reduction of as much as 50%.

Any businessman with heavy burglary insurance costs could soon pay for an alarm system out of the discounts he gets, explained the speaker.

Martens opened the evening's program.

He was concerned with the amateur criminal, he told the assembly. "The professional criminal can

get in whatever we might do," he cautioned members.

**REDUCE TEMPTATION**  
An efficient alarm system doesn't only protect the business, he concluded his introduction, it also reduces temptations for young persons.

RCMP Const. Glenn Hanna explained the meaning and value of building security.

He offered two programs which are formed into one campaign against breaking and entry. Business Watch is the equivalent of Neighbourhood Watch. What the latter does for residential areas Business Watch does for commercial and industrial properties.

Essentially, it calls for careful analysis of the weak points of any structure or yard and then makes recommendations for dealing with them.

Business Watch offers advice on locks, doors, windows, roofs and every possible point of entry into a building.

The owner can spend anything from \$5 to a fortune to secure his premises, observed the police officer. The precautions will be in proportion to the protection he needs.

**SECURITY**  
Security starts at the perimeter fence and works down to the interior of the building, patrons were warned. The movie looked at ground floor weaknesses and went on to look up and on the roof.

Deadbolt locks are one of the most important assets to a building. The normal key-in knob lockset is a delight to the would-be burglar, the chamber learned. Best type of all is the deadbolt lock with double cylinders, he noted. The bolt does not draw back as the door closes. When the door is open, the bolt remains within the door. When the door closes and the key is turned, the bolt slides out and cannot be slipped back into its frame without the key.

The double-cylinder lock, with a key required outside and in the building, is prohibited from use in public buildings, he noted. It is considered a hazard to persons seeking a quick exit.

The publication distributed to businesses by the RCMP lists almost every possible type of security protection for a building, locks, windows, doors, roof and every opening.

The Victoria alarm company filled in the picture of security.

In company with Business Watch, the police also introduced the Prov-Ident procedure.

**SECURITY NUMBER**  
Unlike Neighbourhood Watch, Business Watch offers a special security number to each business. Every business taking part last week was allotted a number. This may be marked on everything, stock, tools, furnishings and equipment. The number is on file across the province and beyond. A stolen item can be traced in a matter of minutes. But there must be a complaint that it is stolen.

The alarm experts offered a series of devices to safeguard premises. Some sound a warning to a monitoring office for immediate attention. Others sound off and scare the would-be robber out of his mind. Yet others are directly connected with a telephone and notify the owner or his agent that something fishy is going on.

There are various methods of mounting alarms and they work on a variety of different systems.

**IT HEARS THE BREAK**  
Mockford described the alarm which will hear no noise except that of breaking glass. The window is shattered. There is a pause of some seconds and the alarm goes off. It has heard the noise.

There is one which senses that the glass has been broken. There is one which senses a movement in the room after the burglar has

gained entry. There are dozens.

In a city these alarms are linked up with a 24-hour monitor. Away from the city the link would be too tenuous as well as expensive.

The alarm is hooked up to a control box which then carries out the specific instruction. The control box will either sound a bell or a siren or it will transmit a message. The digital dialler will pass on the

message to the monitor, warning of depredations at a given point. Or there may be a direct wire to a pre-arranged monitor.

Mockford was very frank when he explained that the most serious problem with alarm systems is that people occasionally forget to switch them on.

The top system could cost \$1,000, said the speaker.

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# Natural ways of controlling bugs and disease

One thing I forgot to mention last week is the fact that three-foot-wide beds work best. Anything wider would be a bummer to weed in the middle, unless you are blessed with very long arms.

Peachleaf curl is a common disease of the lovely peach, and it is almost a certainty in our climate. Usually two sprays, one in December, the other in January, are recommended. However, our own Eva Dobovicnik has had excellent success in keeping the disease under control, simply by liming the soil around the peach trees.

This is cheaper, more effective and non-poisonous. Another friend of ours has tried it with good success. She reports that the first few leaves were curled and after picking these off, all other leaves emerged and stayed unblemished. She had also planted about a dozen cloves of garlic under and around the tree. In any case, she had no problems with leaf curl for the remainder of the year.

### GOOD COMPANION PLANT

Garlic is also an excellent companion plant in the garden. Grown with carrots it inhibits the carrot rust fly. It is also good with tomatoes to repel the red spider mite.

Other plants which grow well with tomatoes, to their mutual benefit are: all the onion family, carrots, parsley and marigolds. Tomatoes will protect asparagus

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from the asparagus beetle. Since tomatoes grow well in the same place from year to year, the two are an excellent companion scheme. And with some garlic or onions among the tomatoes, any problems with critters and diseases should disappear.

It is believed that organic garlic is quite superior in its repellent function due to a chain of fungi, which produce sulphur which is essential in producing allyl sulfides, the main ingredient of allicin, the active principle of the repellent. Science, and all of us, are just at the very beginning of understanding the complex relationships of all life.

Research is now proceeding backwards from observation of folklore wisdom and tracing of the soil life and its chemical products through interlocking chains, to a scientific explanation.

### ABUNDANT, HEALTHY

In any case, I must say that we had abundant and healthy tomatoes and parsley when we grew the two together.

Last year I grew parsley by itself and it turned out miserable. So this year, there is going to be parsley and garlic among the tomatoes. I'll let you know how it goes.

Garlic also goes very well with roses. Since we grow all these things we might well end up with a lot of garlic.

Tomatoes should not be planted near corn as this tends to encourage the corn earworm. With potatoes they seem to increase the chances for potato blight.

Another excellent protective companion is tansy. Under fruit trees tansy will repel borers, and it has a beneficial effect on roses and cane fruit such as raspberries and grapes. Tansy also repels Japanese beetles, striped cucumber beetle, squash bugs, flies and ants. And since ants cultivate aphids, lots of tansy around the bottom of your fruit trees should deter both ant and aphid.

### CHIVES

Apple scab can be prevented by planting chives under your trees. Chives can also prevent powdery and downy mildew on gooseberries. We have some neglected chives growing in our berry patch and so far (it has only been two seasons) there is no sign of mildew or the inevitable currant or gooseberry fly which lays one egg in each fruit. It can only be controlled by preventative spraying with methoxychlor, which I avoid like

poison. I'll let you know how this goes as well, and I think we will try garlic also.

Another good companion for both asparagus and tomatoes is basil, and parsley goes well with asparagus too. All concerned seem to benefit from the association.

Beans and carrots are excellent companions, helping each other grow. Beans with cabbages, cauliflower, etc., enhance each other, probably because the bean is a legume (nitrogen fixer) which helps the cabbages. Beets and cucumbers grow well with beans, probably for the same reason.

### DON'T GET ALONG

Onions and beans though, do not seem to get along at all, but summer savory with green beans does wonders for them both in the garden and the pot.

Bush beans and potatoes go well together with resulting protection from the colorado potato beetle and the Mexican bean beetle. One protects the other.

Bush beans and corn is another good scheme in alternate rows.

I much prefer to keep my garden healthy and productive by natural means than to spend my money on poisons. It is cheaper, protection is continuous, and it saves me the time of application as well.

And finally, there is the joy and satisfaction that only the rain, the sun and human hands have

touched my vegies. My heart leaps with joy when our little one follows me through the garden and she asks: "Can I eat this?" and I say: "Yes," and I know it is good.

## Two vehicles damaged

A teacher at Gulf Islands Secondary School had her car vandalized late one night last week while parked near the school.

Ganges RCMP report that Susan Underwood's vehicle sustained about \$100 in damage when unknown culprits broke a window and snapped off the vehicle's radio antenna and windshield wipers.

The incident occurred during the evening of March 27. Underwood discovered the damage at about 11:40 pm and reported it to police.

Though the RCMP are treating it as a separate incident, Marg Sitton, a counsellor at the secondary school, discovered the following morning that a window in her vehicle had also been shattered.

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# New additions to school library number 360

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

## Peanut Butter Jam Session

On March 26 Taime, Melanie and Lynn searched the book stacks of book wholesalers in Vancouver for good additions to our school library.

What a delightful spree! They brought back about 360 books to grab the interest of our children for pleasure and thought provocation. Kathy Sheffield organized a book cataloguing day and a quarter of the books are out and about.

It takes half an hour per book to find the catalogue number, type up the many cards, paste in the pocket and apply a book spine number. There are many more books to do and thank you women who gave a day. Speak to Kathy if you would like to help.

Our school library is full of Salt Spring Island rejects and many old, old books. (Old is only *sometimes* cause for replacement!) The teachers placed library costs at the top of their budget last year and the school board agreed.

Tammy Stewart and Leah Smith are going to participate in the French exchange program. They will fly May 5 and stay in a home outside of Montreal, and return May 14. The school board will pay part of the cost, the par-

ents will pay \$160. Tammy's and Leah's families will host two students in exchange.

K.J. Piper and Scott Stewart celebrated their 13th birthdays in Vancouver. They went swimming, saw a show and had a birthday celebration at a restaurant.

## Us

Marie McMahon had a surprise birthday party March 26. Buzz, at the pub, cooked spaghetti for the celebrants and Bernice Crooks baked a worthy cake. We know Marie is strong enough to blow out 74 candles (hope your wish comes true!)

The community club donated \$200 for buying music for the choir. Thank you very much.

On the 15th of March, Irene and Bill Lawson attended young Angela's christening. (Angela is Danny and Holly Lawson's most recent child).

Then all the Lawsons, Dayle, Danny and Debbie and spouses, went to boomtown, Port Hardy, and had a visit!

## Of Note

April 18 is the Easter bake sale and extravaganza.

On Easter Sunday there is a service in our church.

April 10 starts Easter holidays for the children.

On April 20 St. Mary's choir will

sing a short service in the church. Afterwards there will be musical performances and tea at the community hall.

## Fire Department

Three teams have been set up, eight people in each team. The teams will rotate, so each person will go once every three weeks for a practice. Competitions will start after everyone has learned how to efficiently operate the machines.

Lloyd Stewart of Lyall Harbour, donated \$100 towards the purchase of protective clothing for fire fighters. Ah, money - a much appreciated donation!

## Who do you know

Ian and Joan McNeil, with their children Laury and Robin, keep the lighthouse at East Point.

How long have you kept lighthouses?

16 years. This is our third time on Saturna; we've kept five different stations on the west coast.

How did you start?

It was New Year's eve in 1963. I was sitting around a bar in Bowser. A man came in and said he quit! Anyone want a job as relief on Chrome Point lighthouse? I was logging at the time, and it was slow so the next morning I took the boat and mail over. (This story is from Ian and his brother Don, also a lighthouse keeper). And we stayed

on. Lots of people try, but few can stand the isolation.

I've heard that the lighthouses will all be automated soon. Is that happening?

In 1963 Portlock lighthouse on Prevost Island burned down. It is the only one that has been automated. The coast guard runs all the lighthouses. They can't really automate them for two reasons. One is fear of vandalism; the fog detector itself costs \$100,000 and the fog receiver costs \$25,000. The other reason is that the fog receiver is very directional and only detects fog up to 200 yards. So if the fog is 225 yards out you'd better have a person there.

Describe a typical day.

We keep a 24-hour fog watch; someone is on shift 24 hours a day. We've had no assistant lighthouse keeper for five months; Joan has been handling the job. At 3:50 am is the weather pickup. We radio- phone the Vancouver airport from the office where we read the instruments and give a marine report - sky condition, visibility, wind and sea. This is done eight times a day, the last one at 7:50 pm. At 1 am we chart the anemometer, wind speed and direction, and a climate weather report, temperature and rainfall chart. This is sent to the weather office once a month. The normal work varies with the weather; routine maintenance,

painting in or out, cutting the grass. At 6 pm is another climate report. It's a quiet life. There's such a variety of jobs you hardly ever do the same one two days in a row. As long as everything is functioning you're on your own. The specific maintenance is quite limited. The coast guard sends someone to service any electronic gear, or more usually, they send in a helicopter to replace the equipment.


Personally what's it like living at East Point lighthouse?



Sometimes you get bored. Earlier, with the six kids and correspondence courses I was very busy! East Point is the best one we've been on. I don't like travelling on a small boat in rough weather. East Point is known for its better weather, drier, and we like that! I've joined the Lions and really like playing sports with the kids. Because it's dry, fire fighting in the summer, is important. We see lots of killer whales - a couple of times a week, then you won't see them for 10 days. I've seen them five feet off shore. Every six months or so we see a Minke whale: black, about 30 feet long; they're solitary. We work seven days a week, 12 hours a day. For this stint we came in October 1977. The demands on our time are great. It's hopeless if no one is in the house to answer the

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# Who do you know on Saturna?

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phone, our efficiency is cut in half. We're on a party line here, also. You tend to be more private as a person when you share a light with other families, especially if you're isolated. East Point only has one family and an assistant lighthouse keeper on it, instead of two families because of the water situation; just not enough even with the two roof cisterns and the well. The house comes with a deep freeze, a stove, and a 16-foot boat. No curtains, no carpets, you bring your own furnishings!

How about the children? We're a close family; the kids have learned to play well with each other and sort things out. They have the beaches and their pets — they've learned to keep themselves occupied. None of the older kids are lighthouse keepers and I discourage them until they learn how things are done in the outside world. Doing correspondence makes them shy when they enter public school, but they soon get

over it. I'm glad that part's over — it takes up a lot of time: 9:00-3:00 every weekday! The kids don't even wake up when we turn the fog horn on. It's a good way of life for them.

Why have you moved so much? It's sort of a personal thing with our boss. He doesn't encourage people to stay in the same place, a person tends to get stagnant. People bring new innovations to each station. Each station is classified differently. Your salary depends on the amount of work to be done, of generators, and the distance from the nearest post office.

What chance does a person have if he wants to be a lighthouse keeper?

Poor. The coast guard (lighthouse keepers are civil servants working for the coast guard) has just concluded a canvass for applicants. They don't hire for full time due to the policy of automating.

Are you trained? They run a few courses. It's about unheard of. I was on a course, let me see, 13 years ago. The senior keeper trains the junior keeper.

Who uses the lighthouse facilities?

Anybody who goes through the office can use the information of facilities. The RCMP uses us for fuelling helicopters. Environment Canada, B.C. Aquarium, the sky's the limit. We are public, but we are not open to the public as a matter of right. This is our home.

Is it satisfying? Yes, of course, working for the government you've got red tape anywhere. If something's not working, guys come and then they leave and you're on your own again.

How long do you think you'll be here?

Well, I don't expect I'll be putting in for a transfer!







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Capital Region engineering department

Projects under way total \$22 million

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BY SCOTT WEBSTER

THE ADMINISTRATORS

Ganges residents stand to lose a lot more than they'll gain by holding up construction of the Ganges sewer project, according to the man responsible for designing the system.

Norman Howard, chief engineer for the Capital Regional District, says that he is totally satisfied that the system, if and when constructed, will be safe from both health and environmental standpoints.

He refused to comment on the recent decision by the British Columbia Supreme Court to uphold an appeal against the 1978 order to install a sewer system.

Howard said that CRD executive director Dennis Young was in a better position to comment on whether the decision had dealt a death blow to the controversial system.

EVERY EFFORT

He said that his department has made every effort to ensure that the coliform level for effluent discharged into the sea will meet or surpass levels set by the ministry of environment.

Continuing with the present system of sewage disposal poses a much greater health hazard than would dumping treated sewage into the sea, according to Howard.

"There's already a health hazard on the land that we're trying to alleviate," he said.

He said it's ironic that the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee should oppose discharging treated sewage into the sea when the present system is responsible for allowing raw sewage to find its way into Ganges Harbour.

NOT GOOD FOR TANKS

"According to (regional health officer) Dr. Arniel, the land in that area is not good for septic tanks. As a result, there's a fair amount of pollution seeping out of the ground and getting into the harbour," said Howard.

Howard explained that most of the land in the Ganges area is composed of clay, which is not well suited for the absorption of sewage. Consequently, the effluent tends to remain near the surface, sometimes seeping into water supplies.

Howard said that in his mind there is no question as to whether the system will achieve a high pollution control standard.

"Absolutely, it will be safe. In the treatment plant it will be treated to a very high standard before it's discharged in that three-mile outfall," he said.

ULTRA-VIOLET TREATMENT

After being collected and held at the treatment plant, the effluent will be exposed to ultra-violet light which will reduce the bacteria count to a low level, he said.

Discharge into the sea will be timed to coincide with the tides. Dilution with sea water, the action of the sea and the effects of light rays will further reduce the coliform count to a level barely detectable, according to Howard.

Howard said that once the effluent has reached this stage he would have no hesitation in drinking a sample of water taken from where the outfall discharges into the sea.

Scheduled to be constructed in three phases at a cost of about \$4,000,000 Howard had hoped to have the system in operation by early next year. He expects to have construction under way towards

the end of the summer.

STRAIGHT FORWARD

He said that from an engineering standpoint, the design and construction of the system will be fairly straightforward.

The collection system will service an area from the foot of Ganges Hill to Lady Minto Hospital.

The treatment plant will be located on a parcel of land that the CRD has obtained from the provincial government at Mouat Park.

Howard said that the only real challenge facing his department is in determining the path for the outfall system in Ganges Harbour.

The CRD obtained the services of a team of engineers who spent a week in January surveying the floor of the harbour. The results of their soundings are being studied by the CRD and will be used for deciding the course that the outfall will take.

WELL SUITED

Howard said that initial indications are that the harbour's bottom is well suited to an outfall system.

He said that his department had hoped to find that the floor was composed of soft sandy material and that the tests appear to indicate that this is the case.

The outfall itself will be buried in a trench approximately three feet deep that contractors will scratch out along the harbour's floor much the same as a farmer would plow a furrow.

Howard explained that the outfall will be three miles in length and will extend from the treatment plant at Mouat Park to the outer limit of the harbour near Welbury Bay.

The entire sewer system has been designed in accordance with the community plan for Salt Spring Island, said Howard.

The system will therefore not accommodate expansion at a later date, he noted.

SEPARATE SYSTEM

Howard said that should the need arise for expanded sewage disposal facilities in the future, the CRD will have to construct an entirely separate system.

"It's not designed to accommodate future growth in terms of capacity but of course it's always possible to twin anything you put in. You could put a mirror image of what you've got there now alongside it and double the capacity in that form," said Howard.

"These things are always designed in conformance with the community plan but it's designed in terms of quantity, to handle the quantity that is there now, as opposed to overdesigning it to handle what may happen at some future time."

Once constructed, ensuring that pollution levels are not exceeded will be the responsibility of the waste management branch of the ministry of environment.

STAFF OF 74

As chief engineer for the CRD, Howard oversees an operation that includes a staff of 70 clerical workers and four professional engineers.

At the moment the department is involved in designing projects totalling about \$22,000,000 in value.

The engineering department

commands a main floor wing of the CRD's headquarters on Yates Street in downtown Victoria.

Howard sees his responsibility as being clearly defined. He advises the regional board when called to do so and he carries out decisions handed down by its 18 directors.

He works closely with executive director Dennis Young.

FROM NEW ZEALAND

A native of New Zealand, Howard moved to England at the age of three.

He attended the Imperial College of Science and Technology which is a separate entity of London University.

Having just turned 30, he reached a major decision to pack up and leave for east Africa where a job awaited him as engineer in charge of a project to provide a sewer system for an area of Mombassa.

At that time he was employed with Howard Humphrey and Son, a British consulting firm that specialized in designing water supply and sewage disposal systems.

His stay lasted just three months, however.

"The locals decided they could do it better than the bloody Englishmen so they told us to get the hell out of there," said Howard.

STAYED SIX YEARS

He eventually ended up in Trinidad and stayed in that "tropical paradise" for about six years.

Employed with the same firm, he was again the engineer in charge, but this time the project involved providing a water supply system for the northern half of the island.

"It's an underdeveloped country and it has all the problems of an underdeveloped country," said Howard.

He recalls that Trinidad was backward in some respects by western standards, despite its relative wealth compared to other islands in the West Indies.

It would appear that there were some similarities, however.

OUT FOR 2½ YEARS

For example, Howard said that the island had a modern telephone system that was put out of operation for 2½ years by a crippling telephone workers' strike.

Howard moved to Canada in 1964 and went to work as a consulting engineer for CBA Engineering.

He returned to England for a brief one-year period in 1966 to complete his post-graduate studies in public health engineering.

Upon returning to Vancouver and his job at CBA Engineering, Howard spent four years heading up the municipal services division.

He joined the municipality of Richmond in 1970 as the region's assistant municipal engineer.

Five years later he joined the CRD's engineering department.

IN SAANICH

He and his wife Judiruth, whom he met while vacationing in Mexico, reside in Saanich where they own a seven-acre hobby farm overlooking Elk Lake.

With half of their property still forested, the rest is devoted to about 30 apple trees and an organic garden which the Howards hope will one day meet all of their vegetable needs.



NORMAN HOWARD

They are also raising a few black sheep, and the wool goes towards meeting Judiruth's needs as a weaver.

Something of a beekeeper, Howard claims that he's never been stung in all of his 53 years.

"There's a way to avoid being stung and that's to wear enough protective clothing so that the little buggers don't get you," he said.

Howard said that designing the Ganges sewer system has been an interesting project for both him and his department.

FIRST TIME

Even though they have been designing various water and sewage disposal projects for the last decade, this is the first system that they have designed from start to finish.

"This one we are undertaking ourselves under our own supervision so it's the first one we'll have where there's a collection system and treatment facilities," said Howard.

"Most of the plants that we've taken over have been there already and were designed by somebody else before we got them. We're starting from scratch."

He said that by being involved in the entire project, the CRD will have better control over the whole treatment process, which will ensure that the system performs efficiently.

WEREN'T ADEQUATE

Howard said that in some communities where systems were in place before the CRD assumed control for sewage disposal, there were problems with facilities not being able to handle large quantities of storm water because they weren't adequate in the first place.

The CRD has also run across communities that have permitted industrial growth even though their sewage systems weren't designed to dispose of industrial waste.

Howard said that he's not convinced that fresh water supplies are inadequate to meet the needs of the population on Salt Spring Island, despite assurances from some quarters that this is the case.

He said that until the provincial government conducts a study into the situation it's difficult to determine how critical the water shortage problem is.

SECOND-HAND

"Most of the things you hear about the water problem are

second-hand and until somebody has been given an opportunity to sit down and do a study and investigate the whole thing it's almost impossible to say," he said.

Howard said that had Salt Spring residents voiced louder concerns in the past the provincial government might have already looked into the situation.

He said that based upon the information made available to him he has determined that there is little cause for concern.

"People are saying that the ultimate development cannot be met because there is insufficient water but nobody has done the study to find out if that's a true statement or not," said Howard.

A thorough study would make known the exact quantity of fresh water on the island, its sources, runoff patterns and ways of making better use of it, he said.

RUNS INTO SEA

For example, vast quantities of fresh water, particularly at this time of year, run off into the sea and redirecting some of this into natural reservoirs on the island would alleviate at least some of the shortage.

"How do we know until it's been studied whether Maxwell Lake is up to its ultimate capacity," said Howard.

He said that there is no reason to expect that there will be any improvement in the quality of water in St. Mary Lake this summer.

Unless steps are taken to reduce the amount of nutrients and effluent seeping into the lake, problems can only get worse in the long run, he said.

NOTHING DONE

"I don't see any reason why it should be worse but I don't really see any reason for improvement because nothing has been done there."

"You still have the same amount of runoff getting in there from the surrounding area and you still have areas which are not on sewers so you are going to have some pollutants getting into the lake. It would be safe to say that it will have recurring problems much the same as last year.

"In the long term, I suppose one could only expect them to get worse unless someone does something positive to change the present course of action," said Howard.

**YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM**

**Viable alternative to court system, says speaker**

Community service representatives from within the regional district gathered at the Community Centre in Ganges late last week to hear details of a successful youth diversion program in Delta.

The meeting, held Thursday morning, was the second in an ongoing series of discussions held by the Salt Spring Interagency Committee on ways of dealing with juvenile offenders.

The group was formed in response to several months of increased juvenile criminal activity on Salt Spring Island which appears to have come to an end.

Two adults believed responsible for at least some of the crimes were recently sentenced to prison terms in Victoria after pleading guilty to breaking into Ganges businesses.

**IN MANY PLACES**

Diversion programs have been established in many communities to meet the increasing incidence of juvenile crime. They allow an offender an opportunity to pay his debt to society by performing community service or by making monetary restitution.

Lois Cartledge, executive director of the Delta Services and Youth Crime Prevention Society, was invited to outline the way the diversion program in Delta works.

Cartledge said that the Delta program was established in the mid-1970's to meet the needs of a growing youth population.

She said that approximately 45% of that community's population of 78,000 is under the age of 19, and that it had become increasingly apparent that an alternative service for dealing with young offenders was needed.

**SYSTEM WASN'T WORKING**

The program was established at the urging of a police inspector who had come to realize that the court system alone wasn't working.

Cartledge explained that at the time, morale on the Delta police force was at a low level. She said that officers would devote a great deal of time investigating cases involving juveniles only to have the court impose lenient sentences.

When first established, the program met with some initial resistance from the police force, she said. There was skepticism on the part of some officers over the program's potential for deterring repeat offences. There was also some doubt as to whether youths would follow through with making restitution.

**GAINED ACCEPTANCE**

Once the program had established itself as a viable alternative to the provincial court system, it gained the acceptance of most members of the police force, said Cartledge.

She said that officers began realizing that youths who had participated in the program weren't appearing before the courts with the same frequency as did others.

As a measure of the program's

success, 13, or about nine percent of the 146 youths who participated in the program in 1979, were suspected of having committed other offences within the next six months.

In 1980, only five, or about 3.5 percent of the 118 youths who participated in the program had recidivated within the next half-year.

**NO AUTHORITY**

Cartledge also stated that although the Delta Diversion Program has no authority to force a youth to make restitution, she would be very surprised if 20 youths had so far refused to do so. She estimates that about 2,000 youths have participated in the program.

The way that the program works is that when a crime has been committed, the offender is given the option of having his case heard in provincial court or going through the diversion program.

Before diversion can be brought into the picture, however, a recommendation must be made by the investigating officer that that is the best course to pursue.

**CHARGES DROPPED**

It's also required that before a case can be turned over to diversion that enough evidence must exist to warrant pressing charges. A youth is never asked to sign a formal confession and once he has agreed to participate in diversion, charges against him are dropped.

At this point a three-member review committee examines the individual's file, most of which is comprised of information gathered by the police force.

The youth's parents are then brought before the review committee and the terms and function of the program are outlined for them. If it is agreed that the youth is suited to the program he is inter-

viewed by the committee.

**MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY**

The only stipulations are that the youth agree to accept responsibility for his actions and that he make restitution in instances where it is deemed appropriate.

Restitution can either be on a monetary basis or in the form of community service. He is also asked to apologize to the victim of the crime, either in person or by letter.

Cartledge told the committee that communities long ago gave up responsibility for dealing with juveniles to government-run correctional services.

As the system became increasingly ineffective, communities began realizing that disciplining their youth was a responsibility that they shouldn't have given up in the first place, she explained.

**HAD LITTLE SAY**

"Unfortunately, as time passed, more and more problems were given to the burgeoning system to solve till the community had little or no say in what happened to its young people when they acted contrary to the established order of our communities," reads a pamphlet the speaker provided.

"Over the past few years, some communities have begun to say hold it, we want to take back some of the responsibility we turned our back on," it continues.

"We want to deal with those young people and the problems that we are able to manage."

Cartledge said that diversion programs have sprouted up everywhere with varying degrees of success. The quality of the programs depends upon the quality of the staff and volunteers.

**SMALL SCALE**

Should the Salt Spring Island

Interagency Committee choose to establish a diversion program here, Cartledge advised that it be on a small scale, at least initially.

She suggested that this would allow its staff an opportunity to get their feet wet and to structure the program to the needs of the community.

Experience has taught her that communities considering setting up a diversion program should consider two key points.

Pinpointing the nature of the problem and establishing a goal before a program is put into operation would assist the interagency committee in providing a service attuned to juveniles here.

Cartledge questioned the committee as to the nature of the problem on Salt Spring Island.

**HIGHER NUMBER OF BREAK-INS**

Neil Pearce, a probation officer, explained that the community was plagued by an unusually high number of break-ins over the course of the winter.

He recalled that the last such increase in the juvenile crime rate was about six years ago and that it would likely be another six years before the island experienced a

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# Plans for World Relief weekend are discussed at Mizpah meeting

BY OLIVE MOUAT

The most important piece of business at the last Mizpah meeting was planning for the World Development and Relief weekend which Mizpah is to convene. This is one completely unselfish effort on the part of the Salt Spring Island churches. Four denominations work together; and every cent that they realize goes to help less fortunate people.

This year a radical change is being made. The tea will be held at the United Church instead of Fulford Hall. Why? The United Church women are convening this event and serving the tea.

Having the affair at their church will make it much easier for them.

The Mizpah ladies hope that it will be successful experiment. They appeal to all Salt Spring Islanders to help. (Perhaps friends from the other Gulf Islands could use the B.C. Ferries and join the crowd).

### ONE OF BIGGEST EFFORTS

The World Development and Relief Tea is one of the biggest Salt Spring Island efforts of the year. Can it be squashed into a little church? "Of course it can," says Madam Dynamo.

"How?" whispers Miss Timid. "Well, the tea needs most room. We'll serve tea in the downstairs hall."

"And I suppose we'll have the home baking out in the rain," snorted Cynic-in-Chief.

"Of course not. We'll have the plants out in the rain! Besides, it won't rain. And anyway, two of the men are going to make a shelter for the plants."

"And the attic treasures?"

"The upstairs hall. There's space there."

"More people come to buy home baking than for any other reason."

### WANT TO HELP

"Actually, that's not so! Most people come because they really want to help the people who need

help."

"OK, that's true. But where shall we have the home baking?"

"Downstairs. Right inside the door. The first thing that everyone will see."

"Now, let's get things straight. The World Development and Relief Tea will be held here, in the United Church halls and on our beautiful new piece of grass, on Saturday, Apr. 25. Selling will start at 1:30. Tea will be served from 1:45 to 3:30. Is that all right, everyone?"

As far as it went, that was all right; but it did not go far enough. This year we are not confining ourselves to a World Development Tea. We are staging a World Development weekend.

### TWO CHOIRS

The combined choirs of Cadboro Bay United Church and Gordon Head United Church have offered to put on a concert. This concert will be held on Sunday, Apr. 26, in St. George's Anglican Church, starting at 2:30. Proceeds will be added to what is made at the tea on Saturday.

All the money that is realized will be divided among the churches with one-quarter going to the women of the Anglican Church, one-quarter to the Community Gospel, one-quarter to the Roman Catholic and one-quarter to the United Church. Each church uses its share to help the world's disadvantaged people in the way that that church considers most helpful.

Since this was a regular Mizpah meeting, it began with a devotional period which was led by Mrs. Chris Pattinson.

Prayers accompanying the gift of the Least Coin were for the people of El Salvador, a country whose problems are much in the news.

### NEW CHAIRS

Mrs. Bunty McNally, treasurer,

reported paying part of the cost of new stacking chairs and buying more cups and saucers.

Mrs. Gladys Bidwell, sunshine convener, had mailed 31 cards and notes to friends and former members who are sick, shut-in, away or celebrating birthdays.

Ho Lai Chun is the little student in Hong Kong who Mizpah, in partnership with Mrs. Ruth Wagg, "our member of longest standing," is sponsoring.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction after which an enjoyable social time and a delicious tea were enjoyed.

# Diversion program

From Page Sixteen

similar increase.

Pearce cautioned the committee to make certain that there is a need for a diversion program here before plunging ahead with plans for one.

"If the need is there, let's look into it, but let's be careful that we don't over-react," he said.

Cartledge recommended that if the committee decides to go ahead with a diversion program that it be set up on a six-month basis and strictly with volunteer assistance.

### TAILOR IT TO THE NEEDS

Keeping it small would allow the organizers to tailor it to the needs of the community as the nature of the conflict becomes more appar-

ent. She stressed that without the solid backing of the Ganges RCMP detachment a diversion program on Salt Spring Island would have little chance of succeeding.

She encouraged the committee to solicit the support of both the police force and the business community.

There was some question raised as to how much co-operation the RCMP might be willing to provide.

It was suggested by several that RCMP officers are more concerned with making arrests that will lead to convictions than in taking measures to prevent crime.

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## Busy calendar for island gardeners during April

BY OPTOMIST

The March meeting and Monday workshop of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club both dealt with the art of pruning various trees and shrubs by Fred Maybee. A practical demonstration by Agnes Bacon and Fred Maybee on the pruning of roses was given to members.

For the April 15 meeting we are fortunate to have Mrs. Pat Pierrt to speak to us on geraniums and pelargoniums. Mrs. Pierrt is a new member of the club. She is very knowledgeable on the subject and grows in her greenhouse over 200 varieties from Australia, England,

Germany, Holland and the USA. Mrs. Pierrt will be pleased to answer any questions and will also bring some samples of her plants.

Our usual spring plant sale and flower show will be on Thursday, Apr. 16. There will be lots of bargains and beautiful flowers to see, so do come early.

The workshop on Monday, Apr. 20 will have Mr. Hoppfer speaking on dahlia culture. Mr. Hoopfer specializes in dahlias, and is a show judge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Members and friends wanting to go on the bus May 13, must make reservations by the April 15 meeting and should contact Agnes Bacon soon, or it will have to be cancelled. This should be a most enjoyable day's outing at reasonable cost, so please get those names in!

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# Majority of islanders

## Housing committee reveals s

Majority of Salt Spring Island people hope to spend the rest of their lives on the island.

This was one of the major revelations of the recent questionnaire on housing.

Several months ago the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission expressed interest in learning the preferences of islanders in terms of location and amenities of retirement homes.

The proposal to establish retirement homes in rural areas brought the question to the fore. Where should retirement homes be planned to suit the majority of islanders?

Last fall *Driftwood* carried out a small survey and published the results. It indicated a preference for facilities near to the commercial and social centre.

The formal enquiry by the commission has shown a marked preference for accommodation near the commercial, social and institutional activities.

### HOUSING COMMITTEE

The leg work was carried out by the housing committee of the planning commission. This committee was one of two established by the Advisory Planning Commission at the October meeting last year. The function of the committee was to examine the housing needs for island residents, with emphasis on the needs for the elderly.

In addition to interviewing individuals and ascertaining their preferences, the committee distributed the questionnaire through the mails. By this means it was assured that all homes on the island received a copy of the questionnaire, explained committee member Fred Brookbanks last week.

Total of 541 returns were received, representing approximately 1,250 people, almost one-quarter of the island's population.

Additional questionnaires were left at the island banks. Through this service another 22 were taken up. It is highly unlikely that anyone filed more than one return, noted the committee.

Respondents were asked for limited statistical details, but they were not required to identify themselves.

### LARGE NUMBER

Salt Spring, like all the Gulf Islands, has a much higher proportion of retired and semi-retired population than either the provincial or the national average. There are more than 1,100 old-age pensioners on Salt Spring Island.

Predominant form of accommodation on the island is the single-family dwelling. This incidence far exceeds the provincial or national average.

Multiple-family dwellings are less common on Salt Spring than on the other Gulf Islands and sig-

nificantly lower in numbers than elsewhere in the region or the province.

There appears to be a notable scarcity of bachelor and one-bedroom apartments, for the growing number of "single-person families," comments the report.

Of the 540 questionnaires returned, 300 were from retired and semi-retired respondents and 241 from non-retired.

### HOW MANY?

Each respondent was asked how many were in the household; age group: 20-40 or 41-60 or over 60 and details of accommodations.

Roughly 90% of respondents live in single-family dwellings and the majority expressed the need for some alternative type of housing. Among the retired there was a higher proportion looking to garden apartment-townhouse type of accommodation than was found among the non-retired. It appears that this type of housing has a greater appeal to the elderly than to the younger family.

Some two-thirds of those responding preferred apartments-townhouses to be in built-up areas and close to commercial and social activities, rather than isolated areas or within existent single-family neighbourhoods.

Again, this preference was more pronounced among the retired than the non-retired. Second choice was isolated areas.

Opinions were divided down the middle as to whether such development should be rented or owned by the occupant.

### MOBILE HOMES

Two-thirds of the retired residents expressed satisfaction with properly developed and suitably maintained mobile home parks. About half of those respondents who were non-retired shared this view. Not all those who were happy to approve the type of home expressed their preparedness to live in one themselves.

The very high proportion of respondents intending to spend the rest of their days on Salt Spring Island indicates a general satisfaction with the quality of life on the island, suggested the committee report.

Roughly two-thirds of the retired respondents saw a need in the future to move to accommodation that is easier to maintain than a single-family dwelling on its own land, as well as providing some measure of personal care. Fewer non-retired could foresee that need.

### OTHER THOUGHTS

Many respondents added comments on those aspects of accommodation which were most important to them as well as comments on different aspects of island living.

The committee lists a number of considerations raised by many respondents and suggests that the wide recognition of their need suggests a broad need for them on the island.

A handyman service is needed to assist the elderly in general home repairs and maintenance. This would include window cleaning, heavy cleaning and gardening. With this help people would be able to remain in their present homes without having to move to a facility where help is provided.

Mobile homes are acceptable and could be effective in combatting the high cost of accommodation, but many felt that there have been insufficient design and maintenance standards applied.

There appeared a considerable concern for aesthetics. Respondents consistently pointed up the need to retain the rural character of the island and particularly urged the retention of the height limits on structures.

There is clearly a need, says the committee, for multiple-family development. The concern for water conservation and sewage disposal must receive high priority. In addition, the future need for the type of accommodation provided by Pioneer Village and Greenwoods is growing.

The two tables show the summary of responses from non-retired and retired islanders.

The committee report skipped from Question 2 to Question 4 and there is no effort made here to change that numbering.

## Non-Retired

### 1. Do you live in:

Single-family dwelling, 217; two-family dwelling, 7; cabin or seasonal cottage, 13; multiple dwelling, 2; mobile home, 8; other, 0.

2. Are you in favour of alternatives to single-family dwellings (such as townhouses or apartments)?

Yes: 152; no: 87; no opinion: 2.

4. If you are in favour of alternative accommodation, where should they be located?

(1) in isolated areas, away from existing development: 27; (2) in built up areas, close to commercial, social and institutional activities: 115; (3) in single-family dwelling neighbourhoods: 6; (4) makes no difference: 32.

5. Should preference be given to townhouses or apartments which are:

Owned: 63; rented: 60; makes no difference: 71.

6. Are mobile home parks an acceptable form of alternative housing from single-family dwellings?

Yes: 120; no: 113; no opinion: 6.

7. Would you consider living in a mobile home park?

Yes: 61; no: 176; no opinion: 5.

8. Do you intend (hope) to spend your retirement years on Salt Spring?

Yes: 182; no: 30.

9. Do you foresee the need to move to accommodation that is easier to maintain in the future?

Yes: 106; no: 137.

10. Do you foresee the need to move to a facility with some degree of personal care in the future?

Yes: 73; no: 157.

Note: Respondents did not always answer every question or occasionally qualified answer which accounts for the discrepancy in totals for each answer.

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## Summary of Salt Spring survey

### Retired

- 1. Do you live in:**  
Single-family dwelling, 265; two family dwelling, 8; cabin or seasonal cottage, 1; multiple dwelling, 1; mobile home, 18; other, 0.
- 2. Are you in favour of alternatives to single-family dwellings (such as townhouses or apartments)?**  
Yes: 215; no: 74; no opinion: 8.
- 4. If you are in favour of alternative accommodations, where should they be located?**

- (1) in isolated areas, away from existing development: 22; (2) in built up areas, close to commercial, social and institutional activities: 182; (3) in single family dwelling neighbourhoods: 24; (4) makes no difference: 14.
- 5. Should preference be given to townhouses or apartments which are:**  
Owned: 74; rented: 80; makes no difference: 94.
- 6. Are mobile home parks an acceptable form of alternative housing from single-family dwellings?**

- Yes: 196; no: 85; no opinion: 14.
- 7. Would you consider living in a mobile home park?**  
Yes: 119; no: 168; no opinion: 9.
- 8. Do you intend (hope) to spend your retirement years on Salt Spring?**  
Yes: 288; No: 3.
- 9. Do you foresee the need to move to accommodation that is easier to maintain in the future?**  
Yes: 164; no: 102.
- 10. Do you foresee the need to move to a facility with some degree of personal care in the future?**  
Yes: 215; no: 110.

## Survey results are compiled in two categories by tables

There were observations made on the questionnaires during the Salt Spring Island housing survey that had no direct bearing on housing. But the committee reporting on the survey of housing needs has listed a number of comments where they were made by more than one respondent.

The housing report was given to the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission on Tuesday.

If one questionnaire protested any aspect of island living, it was not considered a sample of opinion. If more than one questionnaire carried the same comment, it was given greater importance, for the fact of it being shared by a group of islanders.

Some questionnaires went into considerable detail on various aspects of housing and community development.

Said one respondent, "Ganges, from the bakery to the high school, is a disgraceful eyesore!"

There has been no remotely intelligent planning, continued the critic, and there is none in view.

"If one could tear it all down and start again; but, no, the vested interests would not allow it, even though they would stand to benefit in the future."

The same respondent urged definite height restrictions as well as enquiring why not include a mobile home on a residential lot? **NOT ADEQUATE**

Another critic suggested that the questionnaire was a disservice because it steers the respondent into the channels of thinking of the sponsor. He urged that competent people be directed to prepare a plan or concept for living on the island. The planner would take into account all the identifiable problems to do with land costs, sewage, water supply, transportation, green areas, schools, then the ordinary man would be given a chance to express an opinion.

Property owner suggested that if it were made easier to subdivide property the need for land on which to build new homes would be in part resolved.

Another respondent typed his observations very clearly on the sheet. He would not express an opinion on alternative accommodations without seeing proposals and design, but they should con-

form to the community plan and bylaw 14, he urged.

Projects which are environmentally acceptable and blend in, aesthetically, should be given priority.

### MOBILE PARKS

Mobile home parks should be screened from the road. In terms of future accommodation he expressed fears that such accommodation might come in the form of cheap, tasteless boxes in keeping with current downtown architecture.

These are the views expressed by numbers of respondents. The number in parentheses, or brackets, indicate the number of people who made the comment.

### General Wishes

Don't do anything to disturb the rural character of Salt Spring Island - Keep it as is. (29)

Don't try to build beyond capacity of water and other services. (24)

Keep all construction to two floors or less. (14)

Stop newcomers from moving to Island. (7)

Do not allow any further building on the Island. (6)

No high density. (3)

Not for rich only - Keep houses small. (3)

Prohibit large houses. (2)

Build only large, quality homes - no small units. (2)

All new buildings should be high in the hills - preserve the flat lands. (2)

Enforce building restrictions more strictly. (2)

Build a bridge to Vancouver Island. (2)

### Type of Accommodation

We favour mobile homes, if properly landscaped, skirted, and built to carefully controlled standards, keeping quality and maintenance high, with proper space between. (49)

Keep mobile homes for seniors only. (2)

No mobile homes on residential lots. (2)

More accommodation like Pioneer Village needed, but with apartments a little larger, and bedrooms in each. (25)

More rental accommodation for low-income families. (One respondent said allow no rental accommodation on the Island). (24)

Build more small one-family homes. (8)

Rezoning to permit townhouses and garden houses. (6)

More Greenwoods and Extended Care. (4)

Allow two families in single-family dwellings. (3)

Want more recreation facilities. (6)

Need subsidized bus or transportation. (3)

### Ganges

Remove unsightly buildings - needs aesthetic planning (4)

Wide main roads. (2)



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## See principal for bookings

Bookings for the use of Mahon Hall at Ganges are now being handled by Salt Spring Elementary School principal Tom Watson, says the island's Recreation Commission. Use of the hall is open to anyone. Watson may be contacted at 537-5434.

### GALIANO ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

#### Notice of Meeting

At 1:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 1981, the Galiano Island Trust Committee will hold a special meeting to give the public an opportunity to present their views on issues affecting a Regional Plan for the entire Islands Trust Area. A pamphlet on issues and Trust background is being distributed to householders. The meeting will be held in the Community Hall, Galiano Island.

There will also be a meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Galiano Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing also on April 24, 1981, in the Community Hall, Galiano Island.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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### Islands Trust

#### GALIANO ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

#### Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Community Hall, Galiano Island, on FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1981, commencing at 2:00 pm.

- Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 20 (being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981), is a By-law to amend Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, 1978, cited as "Zoning By-law, Galiano Island and Area, 1978" as follows:

By allowing "schools, churches, community halls or centres, libraries and firehalls" as permitted uses in the Public Recreation (PR) Zone.

- Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 21 (being Amendment By-law No. 2, 1981) is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5 as follows:

By amending Schedule E to designate the following lands, all lying within the Sturdies Bay area of Galiano Island, as Development Permit Areas:

- Lot 1, Plan 12106
- Lot 2, Plan 7693
- Lot B, Plan 2598
- Lot 4, Plan 7693
- Lot 1, Plan 13671
- Lot 2, Plan 13671
- Lot 3, Plan 13671
- Lot 5, Plan 13671
- Lot 1, Plan 28654
- That Part of Plan 763R in the Commercial 1 Zone
- Lot 439 (water lot)

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- Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 22 (being Amendment By-law No. 3, 1981) is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5 as follows:

- By changing the zoning classification of that part of Parcel A, DD 79148 I of Lot 83, except Plans 13304, 24195, 27287, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, shown on Map No. 1 attached to the By-law, from the Rural 2 Zone to the Commercial 2 Zone, subject to the following conditions:

Permitted uses shall be limited to those uses in Section 4.1, to campsites and cabins for the temporary accommodation of travellers, and one single family dwelling unit.

- By designating that Part of Parcel A, DD 79148 I of Lot 83, except Plans 13304, 24195, 27287, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, as a Development Permit Area.

Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the Post Office, Galiano Island, during the hours of 8:00 am - 10:15 am, and 10:30 am - 11:15 am, and 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm, and 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Monday to Friday inclusive; 9:00 am - 10:15 am, and 10:30 am - 11:15 am, and 12:15 pm - 12:30 pm Saturday. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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## Duncan wins boys' basketball title

Contributed

Duncan Elementary won the first annual Salt Spring Elementary Basketball Tournament with a convincing 40-18 victory over Drinkwater.

Salt Spring Elementary placed a respectable third, losing 20-16 in overtime to finalist Drinkwater. Duncan Elementary swept past Mill Bay 43-13 in the other semi-final match.

Salt Spring's overtime loss to Drinkwater was the Sonics' third overtime game of the tournament. Earlier in the tournament they had edged Ucluelet 39-36 and Mill Bay 23-22.

Eight teams participated in the tournament which included three schools from the Cowichan area, Duncan, Drinkwater and Mill Bay, Ucluelet Elementary from the west coast of Vancouver Island, Fernwood Flyers, Salt Spring Super Sonics, Salt Spring B Bombers and the Scorpions from the high school, who played on an exhibition basis.

The Scorpions, filling in for a team which could not make the tournament, defeated Mill Bay 29-16, Ucluelet 28-19 and Salt Spring 42-22. The team was composed of Brian Kaye, Mike Lee, Mike Cue,

Peter Schroder, Scott Royal and Steve Wertman.

The most sportsmanlike team was Mill Bay. Luigi Dipirio of Duncan was chosen most valuable player. All-stars selected were Brent Hudson of Duncan, Sean Truit and Rajin Bawa of Drinkwater, Alan Stacey of Salt Spring and Stuart Lyon of Fernwood.

Honourable mentions included Mike Inglis, Ian Marcotte and Mark Wooldridge of Salt Spring and Todd Tamboline, Fernwood.

Members of the Salt Spring Super Sonics were Alan Stacey, Mike Inglis, Sam Miller, Ian Marcotte, Glen Speed, Hamish Lloyd, Robbie Minvielle, Mark Wooldridge, Corey Culham and Tony Mason.

A special thanks to all coaches, referees, timers and scorekeepers and especially to Larry Roy, Tom Watson, Bob McWhirter, Ian Jukes and Paul Mackenzie.

## Minor softball meeting Thursday

Minor softball will hold an organizational meeting Thursday at the school board office in Ganges, beginning at 7:30. All parents and interested persons are urged to attend in order to make plans for the upcoming season.

Wayne Taylor will be stepping down as chairman of the informal group which for the past few years has run minor softball. A formal executive will be elected to run the organization, which last year had 14 teams.

Co-ordinators for each of the divisions are required. This year the 13 and 14-year-old boys will be entered in the Victoria League with Jack Speed taking the reigns as head coach. Interested players are urged to register as soon as possible or phone Jack at 537-9750.

The beginning of the league season will start the week of April 26 with the beginning of daylight saving time. Practice will begin immediately following the spring school break.

Registration will take place this

Saturday in front of Salt Spring Elementary at 10:30. Registration fees will be decided at the meeting on Thursday. There will be a special rate for families.

Last season the 11 and 12-year-old boys had a most successful league with four teams. Teams included the Dodgers, Yankees, Expos and Blue Jays.

The girls were divided into three teams but the league flopped due

to lack of commitment on the part of many of the girls and absence of parents to help coach, umpire and scorekeep.

The younger minor league was a success in terms of the number of players and teams with seven teams participating. Parental support for teams from Fulford and Fernwood areas was excellent but the Ganges area teams require considerably more support.

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## Directors debate remuneration bylaw

Time spent around the board table represents only a fraction of the work entailed in serving as regional director, a Salt Spring Island spokesman told the Capital Regional Board last week.

Alternate Director Sabra Humes told the board that director Yvette Valcourt maintains an office in her home and that she is almost always engaged in regional business.

The observation was made while the board was debating the remuneration bylaw on Wednesday last week.

New bylaw provides for the payment of \$11,813 per annum to the chairman of the board. The director for Salt Spring Island will receive an annual sum of \$7,636, one-third of which, \$2,545, is an allowance for expenses. The Outer Islands director will receive an annual payment of \$6,767 and one-third of that sum, \$2,255, is for expenses.

The purpose of the separation of expenses is that moneys paid in recompense for expenses incurred are not taxable as income.

W. J. McElroy of Victoria protested that when an increase of \$50 per month was approved last year he received a net benefit of \$15 per annum. The rest was gobbled up by the Receiver-General.

Alternate directors will be paid \$56 for attendance at each regularly constituted board and committee meeting, provided that such meetings don't follow nose-to-tail.

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